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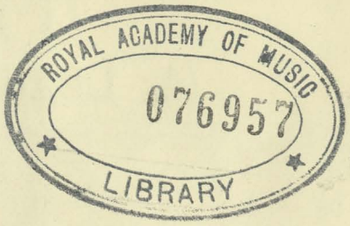

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(A Legend of Christmas Eve.)

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock,
"Now they are all on their knees,"
An elder said as we sat in a flock
By the embers in hearthside ease.
We pictured the meek, mild creatures where
They dwelt in their strawy pen,
Nor did it occur to one of us there
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave
In these years! Yet, I feel,
If someone said on Christmas Eve
"Come; see the oxen kneel
In the lonely barton by yonder coomb
Our childhood used to know,"
I should go with him in the gloom,
Hoping it might be so.

THOMAS HARDY.

To his friend H. W. S., this song is inscribed by the composer.

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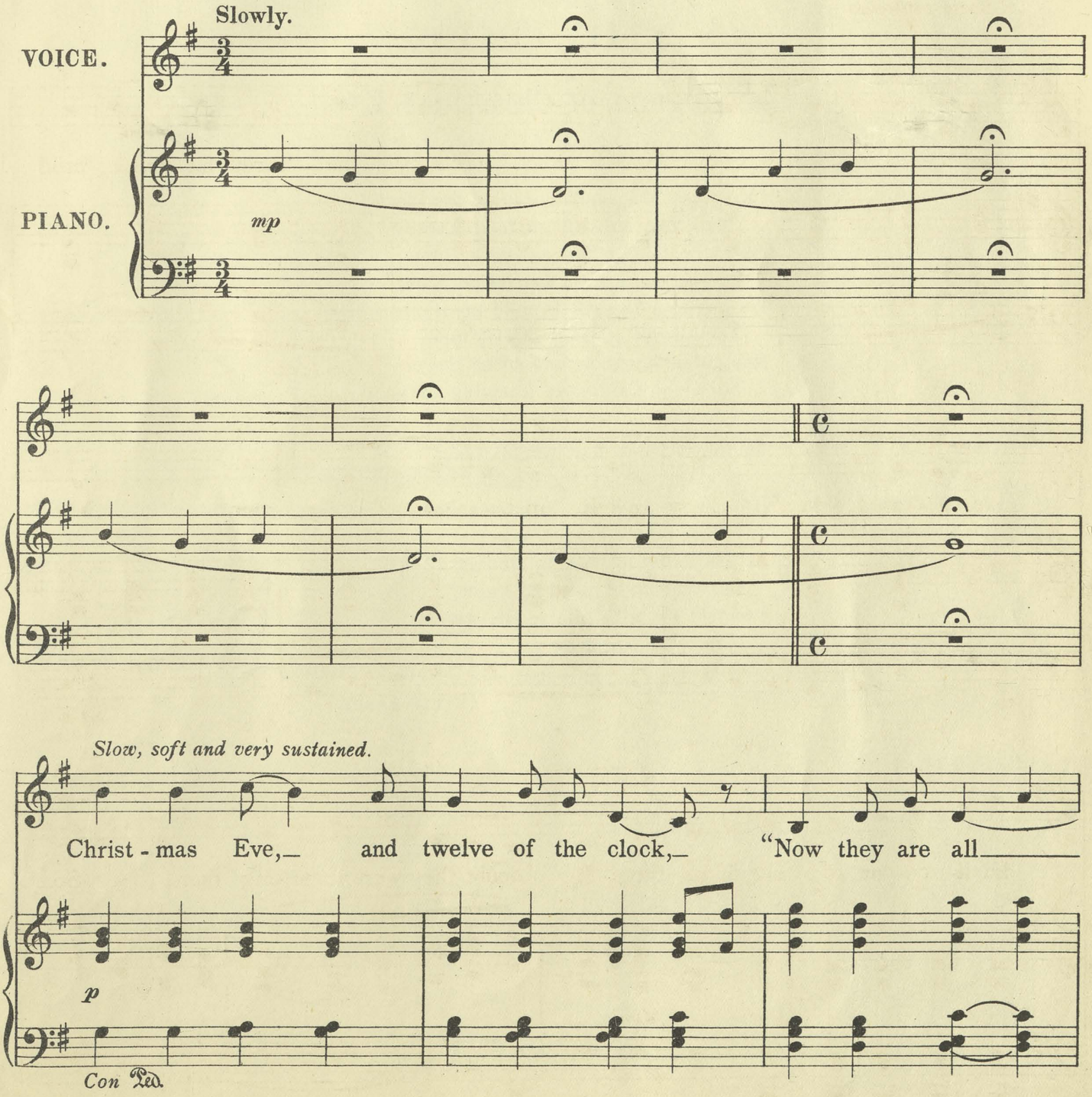

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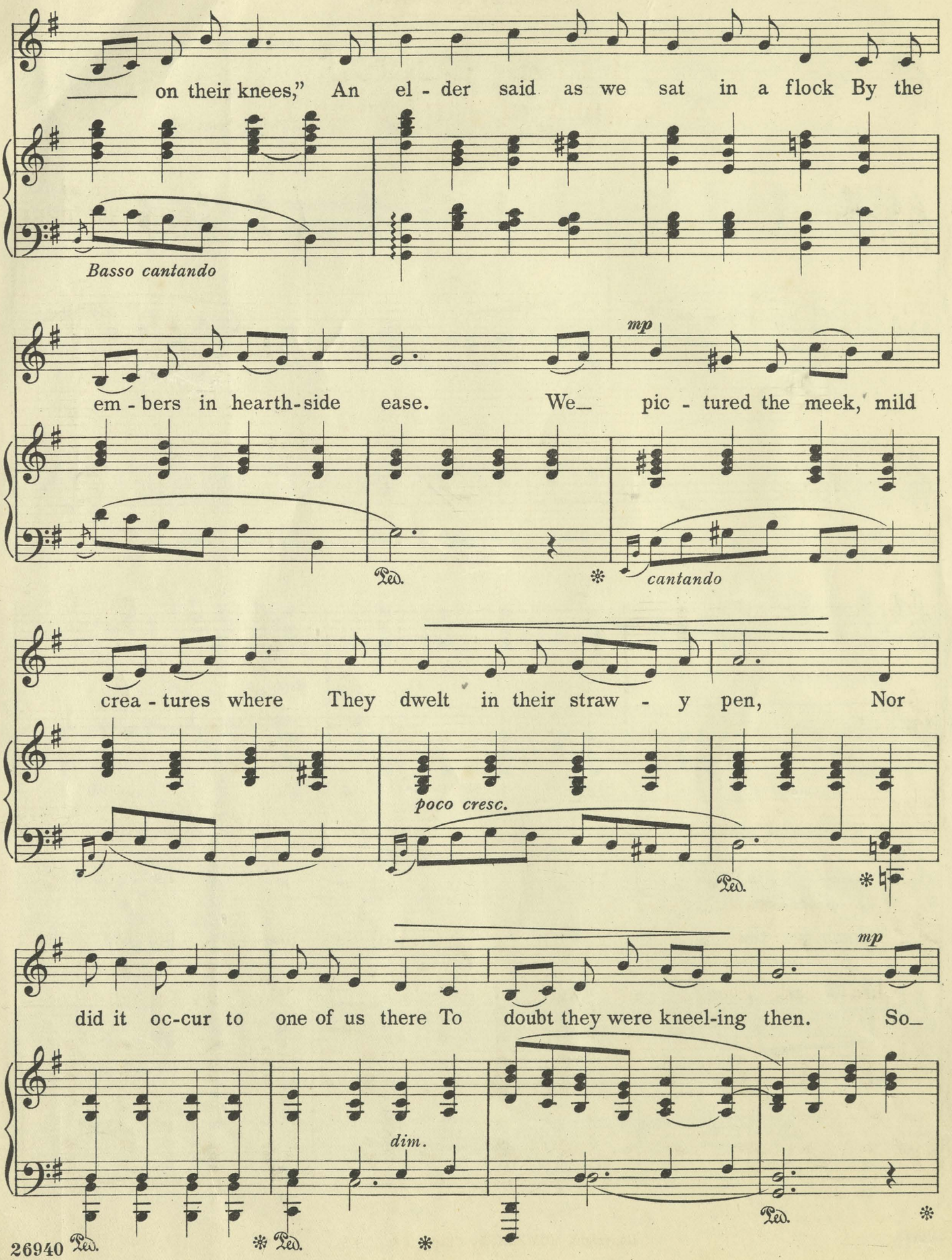
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Basso cantando
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poco cresc.
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dim.
Ped.
Ped.
Ped.

fair a fan - cy few___ would weave In these years! Yet, I

cantando

mf

feel, If some - one said on Christ - mas Eve___

poco cresc. *dim.*

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

p *p*

"Come; see the ox - en kneel In the lone - ly bar - ton by

p *molto rit. e dim.* *a tempo* *p*

Ped. *

yon - der coomb Our child - - - hood used___ to know,"

cantando

I should go with him in___ the gloom, Hop - ing it might___ be

poco rit. e dim.

colla voce

cantando

so.

molto rit. e morendo

ppp

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

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	Compass 1st Key	Sung by
HERMANN LÖHR		
Roadways. D, E♭, F ...	D-D	*Mr. Robert Radford and Mr. Malcolm McEachern*
‡Whatever is—is best. F, G, B♭	C-F	*Miss Margaret Balfour*
Star of the East. F, G ...	C-F	*Mr. Eric Marshall*
So little Time. F, G, A ...	C-D	*Dame Clara Butt*
Throb of the Passionate Day. G, A♭, B♭	D-D	*M. Mischa-Leon and Mr. Tudor Davies*
Beauty. F, G, A	C-D	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
John. D, F	B-E	*Miss Maggie Teyte*
Road of Looking-Forward. E♭, F, G	B♭ E♭	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Where my caravan has rested. E♭, F, G, A♭	C-E♭	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
Little grey home in the West. B♭, C, D♭, E♭	A-D	*Mr. Thorpe Bates*
Chorus, Gentlemen. F, A♭ ...	C-C♯	
Eyes that used to gaze in mine. F, A, C	C-C	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
Rose of my heart. B♭, C, D♭, E♭	B♭-D	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Little Irish Girl B♭, C, D ...	B♭-D	
Two little Irish songs (Low, Medium, and High).		
1. To my first love	C-D	
2. You'd better ask me ...	D-D	
HAYDN WOOD		
A Brown Bird Singing. F, G, A♭	E♭	*Miss Stella Power and Miss Dora Labbette*
The Haven of Rest called Home. E♭, F	C-E♭	*Miss Leila Megane*
Stars and Dawn. C, E♭ ...	C-E	
Casey the Fiddler. C, D, E ...	B-D	*Mr. Malcolm McEachern*
Little Yvette. G, A♭, B ...	D-E	*Miss Louise Dale*
Roses of Picardy B♭, C, D ...	D-E♭	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
It is only a tiny garden. C, D, E♭	C-E	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Love's garden of roses. F, G, A♭, B♭	C-D	*Mr. Ben Davies*
R. CONINGSBY CLARKE		
A bowl of roses. B♭, C, D, E ...	B♭-D	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Spinning. D, F	A-E	
Cargoes. C mi.	C-E♭	*Mr. Topliss Green*
Silver Waters. D	D-E	
Vagabond. C mi.	C-D	
On the way to Kew. D, F ...	A-E	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
Golden dancing days. F, G, A	B-F	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Red Devon by the sea. C, E♭, F	C-C	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
‡Blind ploughman. C, D, F ...	C-D	*Mme. D'Alvarez*
S. LIDDLE		
Give a man a horse he can ride. C, E	C-E	*Mr. Peter Dawson and Mr. George Baker*
FRANK BRIDGE		
Easter hymn. C, E♭	C-C	*Mme. Ada Crossley*
Isobel. F mi., F♯ mi. ...	C-E♭	*Mr. Peter Dawson*
H. WALFORD DAVIES		
Hamd. B♭, C, D	B♭ D	*Mme. Edna Thornton*
ROGER QUILTER		
Morning Song. C, D, E ...	C-D	*Miss Hilda Blake*
There be none of Beauty's Daughters. B♭, C, E♭ ...	B-D♯	*Mr. John Coates and Mr. Tudor Davies*
Fairy Lullaby. F, A♭, B♭ ..	C-D	*Miss Hilda Blake*
THURLOW LIEURANCE		
*By the waters of Minnetonka. F, G, A	C-D	*Dame Nellie Melba and Mme. Kirkby Lunn*
GERRARD WILLIAMS		
Lombardy Poplars. B mi. ...	D-E	*Mr. John Coates*
Rondel. D	E♭-A♯	*Mr. John Coates*
GERALD CARNE		
Here in the quiet hills. C, D, F	C-D	*Miss Margaret Balfour*
Provence. F♭, F, A♭	B♭ D	*Miss Ethel Hook*
My Love of Yesterday. C, D, F	B-C	*Miss Margaret Balfour*
Cowslip Bells. C, E♭	C-E	*Miss Annie Rees*
EDRIC CUNDELL		
Gold o' the World. E♭ ...	F-G	*M. Lauritz Melchior*
Boy Johnny. D, F.	B-E	*Miss Rosina Buckman and Miss Hilda Blake*
MALCOLM SARGENT		
My Heart has a quiet Sadness. G, B♭	D-E	*Mr. John Coates*
MONK GOULD		
The Curfew E♭, F	A-F♭	*Mr. Watkin Mills*
GEORGE AITKEN		
Jest her way. B♭, C, D ...	C♯ D	*Miss Margaret Cooper*
Maire, my girl. C, D, E ...	C-E	*Mr. John McCormack*
PAUL A. RUBENS		
I love the moon. C, D♭, D ...	D-E	*Miss Maggie Teyte*
HAMISH MAC CUNN		
Lie there, my lute. A♭, B♭ ...	A♭ E♭	*Mme. Kirkby Lunn*
One lone star. C, D	C♯-F	*Mr. Gervase Elwes*
HUGH R. HULBERT		
‡Glow of the Western sky. E♭, F	B♭ E♭	*Mme. Kirkby Lunn*
F. S. BREVILLE-SMITH		
There's only one England. C, D♭, E♭	G-E	*Mme. Ada Crossley*
Song of the waggoner. C, D ...	A-D	*Mr. Robert Radford and Mr Malcolm McEachern*
EDWARD GERMAN		
Four jolly sailormen. C, D ...	G-E	*Mr. Robert Radford*
Love is meant to make us glad. D♭, E♭, F	A♭-E♭	*Miss Margaret Cooper*
O peaceful England. F ...	C-E	*Mme. Kirkby Lunn*
The Yeomen of England. C, D	C-D	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
MONTAGUE F. PHILLIPS		
O ship of my delight. E♭, C ...	C-F	*Miss Clara Butterworth*
Butterfly wings. F, A♭ ...	C-F	*Miss Clara Butterworth*
Two Songs (Low and High) ...	B-E	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
1. Phyllis. 2. My Celia.		
Nightfall at Sea. B♭, D♭, E♭...	A-E♭	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
Wind on the Wheat. C mi., E mi.	C-E♭	*Miss Amy Evans and Miss Dora Labbette*
Sing, joyous bird. C, D ...	D-G	*Miss Clara Butterworth*
Wake up! D, E♭, F	D-E	*Miss Clara Butterworth*
Dolorosa. F, A♭	C-E	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
Little bunch of snowdrops. F, G	C-F	
You and I and the moon. D, F	D-F♯	*Miss Rosina Buckman*
Sing, sing, blackbird. D, F ...	D-F♯	*Miss Rosina Buckman*
Starry woods. D, E, F mi. ...	C-F	*Miss Clara Butterworth*
The enchanted forest. C, D ...	C-G	*Miss Clara Butterworth*
ERIC COATES		
I pitch my lonely caravan. D, E♭, F	B-D	*Mr. George Baker*
June's first Rose. C, E♭ ..	C F	*Miss Rosina Buckman*
Blue Sky and White Road. E♭, G	C-E♭	*Mr. Tudor Davies*
Thinkin' of You. E♭, F ..	B♭-E♭	*Mme. Kirkby Lunn*
Ole Dear. F, G	D-E♭	
Brown eyes beneath the moon. C, E♭	C-E	
Fairy tales of Ireland. G, A♭, E♭	B-E	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Our little home. F, G ...	C-F	*Miss Carmen Hill*
GRAHAM PEEL		
In summertime on Bredon. E♭, F	B♭ E♭	*Mr. Gervase Elwes*
Early morning. E♭, F, G, A ...	A♭ E♭	*Miss Agnes Nicholls*
Wind of the Western sea. C, D, E♭	A-E	*Miss Carmen Hill*
FREDERIC H. COWEN		
When all the World is Young. C	C-D	*Mr. Robert Radford and Mr. Malcolm McEachern*
FRANCO LEONI		
The Birth of morn. E♭, F, G...	E♭-E♭	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
H. LYALL PHILLIPS		
To night and all the Years. E♭, G	B♭ E♭	
Mistress of the Master. D, E♭	A-D	*Mr. Charles Tree*
A Devonshire wedding. C, D	A-D	*Mr. Malcolm McEachern*
String of Pearls. E♭, F, G. ...	C-E♭	*Miss Margaret Norton*
W. H. SQUIRE		
Three for Jack. F, G	E♭-D	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
Lighterman Tom. E♭, F ...	B♭-E♭	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
KENNEDY RUSSELL		
At Santa Barbara. G, A, B♭..	D-D	*Mr. Peter Dawson*
Young Tom o' Devon. A♭, B♭, C	A♭ E	*Mr. Charles Tree*
ARTHUR CARRINGTON		
The Dover Patrol. B♭ ..	B♭ E♭	*Mr. Hayden Coffin*
ANDRÉ MESSAGER		
Long ago in Alcala. F, A♭ ...	A♭ E♭	
FRANK E. TOURS		
Mother o' mine. E♭, D ..	C-D	*Mr. Ben Davies*
LESLIE STUART		
The Bandolero. A♭, B♭ ...	A♭-D♭	
ERNEST NEWTON		
The Drum-Major. F, G ...	C-D	*Mr. Charles Tree*
HERBERT H. NELSON		
Windmill. B mi., C mi. ...	A-D♯	*Mr. Watkin Mills*
L. DENZA		
A May morning. D, E♭, F, G	C-D	
J. M. CAPEL		
Love, could I only tell thee. C, D, F	C-D	*Mr. Hayden Coffin*
JACQUES BLUMENTHAL		
An evening song. E♭, F, G. A♭	B♭-E♭	*Mr. Ben Davies*
FREDERIC CLAY		
I'll sing thee songs of Araby. E♭, F, G, A♭	B♭-E♭	*Mr. Ben Davies*
F. PAOLO TOSTI		
*Beauty's eyes. C, E♭ E, G ...	A-C	*Mr. Fraser Gange*
My dreams. B♭. C, D♭, E♭ ...	D-E♭	*Mr. Ben Davies*
Venetian song. B♭. D♭, E♭, F	B♭-C	
NOEL JOHNSON.		
Gray Days. F, G, A♭	C-D	
FRANK LAMBERT		
Forethought. F, G	C-E	*Miss Carmen Hill*
‡God's garden. F, A♭. F♭ ...	C-D	*Mme. Edna Thornton*
She is far from the land. G, A♭	C-E♭	
GUY D'HARDELOT		
Because. A♭ B♭, C	C-E♭	
Never Mind. E♭, F	C-F♭	*Mr. Eric Marshall*
Two little Shoes. B♭, D♭ ...	C-E♭	*Miss Carmen Hill*
‡Sometimes in my dreams. E♭, F, G	D-E	*Mr. Eric Marshall*
‡Just a Dream. C, E♭, F ...	B-C♯	*Miss Carmen Hill*
You came to me. A♭, B♭ C ...	C-E	*Mr. Eric Marshall*
I know a lovely garden. E♭, F, G	D-E♭	
Wait. E♭, F, G	C-E♭	*Miss Carmen Hill*
I hid my love. B♭, D♭. F♭ ...	A-D	*Mr. Charles Tree*
I think. F♭, C, D♭	C-E♭	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
The dawn. D♭, E♭, F, G ...	A♭-D♭	*Dame Nellie Melba*
LIZA LEHMANN		
Daddy's sweetheart. F, G, B♭	C-C	*Miss Ruth Vincent and Miss Blanche Tomlin*
Good morning, Brother Sunshine. A. C, E♭	A-D	*Miss Louise Dale*
Were I a butterfly F ...	C-G	*Miss Dora Labbette*
There are fairies at the bottom of our garden. D♭, F♭ ...	C-E♭	*Miss Dora Labbette*
Thoughts have wings. D♭, E♭, F	C-E♭	*Miss Carmen Hill*
TERESA DEL RIEGO		
‡Homing. B♭. C, D	B♭-E	*Mme. D'Alvarez*
Rose-Marie of Normandy. D, F, G	A-D	*Mr. Hubert Eisdell*
Deeper my love. E♭. F, G ...	B♭-F♭	*Miss Leila Megane*
All's Well. E♭, F	B♭ E♭	
Sink, red sun. D, F	A-F	*Mme. Ada Crossley*
Slave song. D, E, F, G mi. ...	C♯-D	*Miss Amy Castles*
Happy song. D, E♭, F ...	D-F	*Miss Carmen Hill*
‡‡O dry those tears. E, F, G, A ...	B-D♯	
Thank God for a garden. F, A♭, B♭	A-D	*Mr. John McCormack*
MOLLY CAREW		
Spring comes Laughing. A♭, C	D-F	*Miss Louise Dale*
Tiptoe. C, E♭	C-E	*Miss Louise Dale*
The piper of love. E♭. F ...	E♭ F	*Miss Rosina Buckman*
Love's a merchant. E♭ F ...	C-G	*Miss Rosina Buckman*
His Majesty's Mail. F, G, A	C-E	*Miss Rosina Buckman*
MAUDE VALÉRIE WHITE		
So we'll go no more a-roving. C, D♭ E	C-E	*Mr. Gervase Elwes*
Spring has come. C, D, E♭ ..	C-E	*Miss Agnes Nicholls*
Three little songs: (Low, Medium and High):		
1. When the swallows ...	A-E	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
2. A memory 3. Let us forget	C-E	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
DOROTHY FORSTER		
Rose in the bud. E♭. C, D♭, F♭	G-D	*Miss Carmen Hill*
Someday Soon. A♭	F♭ G	
Mitanwy. E♭, F, G	B♭,-E♭	*Miss Carmen Hill*
I wonder if love is a dream F, A♭	C-F	*Miss Ruth Vincent*
FLORENCE AYLWARD		
‡Beloved, it is morn. C, D, F	C-C	
‡‡Love's coronation. E, F, G, A	B-D	
Song of the bow. E, F, G ...	B-C	*Mr. Kennerley Rumford*
ALMA GOETZ		
Mélisande in the wood. B♭ mi., C mi., D mi.	B♭-D♭	*Miss Muriel Foster*
ETHEL BARNS		
‡Soul of mine. C, D	A-C	*Mme. Kirkby Lunn*
DAISY McGEOCH		
Fleurette. E♭, F	B♭-D	
A. L. (arranged by)		
Lass with the delicate air (Arne) E, F, G	B-E	*Miss Dora Labbette*
NORAH BLANEY		
Mister Bear. D. F	A-D	*Miss Margaret Cooper*
My Shadow. A...	B-F♯	
Bed in Summer B♭	B♭-F	
HAROLD AUSTIN		
Mummy's li'l' Feller. C, E♭...	B♭ E	*Miss Annie Rees*
VERE SMITH		
Ma dusky maid. C	D-F	*Miss Margaret Cooper*
EGBERT VAN ALSTYNE		
Honey, dat's all. E♭, F, G ...	C-E♭	
ERNEST MELVIN		
Grinder John. D, E♭	B D	*Mr Ernest Butcher*
Will you think Sometimes? F	D♭	*Mr. Percy Heming*
Saint Paul on Ludgate Hill (Duet)		*Miss Muriel George and Mr. Ernest Butcher*
FRANK WALLER		
On Sunday. E♭, G..... ...	B-C	*Mr. Percy Heming*
ARTHUR KLEIN		
There are Fairies in your eyes. F	C-E	
The Valley in the South. F, G	C-E	
SHERIDAN GORDON		
A fat li'l' feller wid his mammy's eyes. C, E♭ G	C-D	*Miss Ruth Vincent*

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